

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An information processing apparatus connected to ~~a bus of a single system together with~~ first information processing means via a bus single system, both the bus and said first information processing means being provided outside the information processing apparatus, comprising:

a bus inputting terminal connected to the bus;

another inputting terminal directly connected to second information processing means, wherein ~~the said~~ second information processing means does not conform to the standard that can be isolated from the bus is based on and are provided outside the information processing apparatus;

a selecting device for selectively inputting input information supplied from a plurality of input sources;

an acquisition device for acquiring first information for specifying ~~said the~~ first information processing means connected through the bus; and

a setting device for setting one of ~~said the~~ first information processing means in place of one of the plurality of the input sources, the input sources being for said second information processing means, as an alternative in the selecting device, based on the acquired first information.

2. (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first ~~indicationnotification~~ device for ~~indicatingnotifying~~ the first information corresponding to the selected one of ~~saidthe~~ first information processing means when the one of ~~saidthe~~ first information processing means set as one of the alternatives is selected as the input source; and

a second ~~indicationnotification~~ device for ~~indicatingnotifying~~ the one of the input sources replaced by the currently selected one of the first information processing means, in parallel with the ~~indicationnotification~~ by the first ~~indicationnotification~~ device.

3. (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an ~~indicationnotification~~ device for ~~indicatingnotifying~~ only the first information corresponding to ~~saidthe~~ first information processing means supplied with the input information when the input information from ~~saidthe~~ first information processing means not set as the alternative is input through the bus.

4. (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the setting device includes:

an extraction device for extracting, based on the acquired first information, only those of ~~said~~the first information processing means meeting the conditions selectable as one of the alternative among the plurality of ~~said~~the first information processing means in setting one of ~~said~~the first information processing means as the one of the alternatives; and
a display device for displaying only the extracted first information processing means.

5. (previously presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a storage device for storing the acquired first information.

6. (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the bus is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394 standard.

7. (currently amended): An information processing method executed by an information processing apparatus connected to ~~a bus of a single system together with first~~ information processing means via a bus of a single system, both the bus and said information processing means being provided outside the information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatus comprising a bus inputting terminal connected to the bus and another inputting terminal directly connected to second information processing means, wherein ~~said~~the second information processing means does not conform to the standard that can be isolated from the bus is based on and are provided outside the information processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a selecting process ~~offer~~ selectively inputting the input information supplied to the information processing apparatus from each of a plurality of input sources;

an acquisition process ~~offer~~ acquiring ~~the first~~ information for specifying ~~said~~ the first information processing means connected through the bus; and

a setting process ~~offer~~ setting the one of ~~said~~ the first information processing means, as an alternative in the selecting process, in place of any one of the plurality of the input sources, the input sources being for ~~said~~ the second information processing means, based on the acquired first information.

8. (currently amended): A computer program embodied in a computer-readable medium and representing a sequence of instructions which when~~Computer data representing a sequence of instructions, and~~ executed by a computer included in an information processing apparatus connected to ~~a bus of a single system together with~~ first information processing means via a bus of a single system, both the bus and said information processing means being provided outside the information processing apparatus, the information processing apparatus comprising a bus inputting terminal connected to the bus and another inputting terminal directly connected to second information processing means, wherein ~~said~~ the second information processing means does not conform to the standard that can be isolated from the bus is based on and are provided outside the information processing apparatus, the instructions cause the computer to function as:

a selecting device for selectively inputting the input information supplied from a plurality of input sources;

an acquisition device for acquiring first information for specifying ~~said~~the first information processing means connected through the bus; and

a setting device for setting one of ~~said~~the first information processing means in place of one of the plurality of the input sources, the input sources being for ~~said~~the second information processing means, as an alternative in the selecting device, based on the acquired first information.

9. (new): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first information processing means and the second information processing means each comprise a plurality of information processing means.

10. (new): The information processing method according to claim 7, wherein the first information processing means and the second information processing means each comprise a plurality of information processing means.

9. (new): The computer program according to claim 8, wherein the first information processing means and the second information processing means each comprise a plurality of information processing means.